

### **In the Claims**

Please amend Claims 1, 20-22 and 29, as follows.

1 1. (Currently Amended). An orbital implant which comprises:

2 a porous core;

3 an anterior first non-liquid external and exposed anchoring coating portion covering a first  
4 outer surface section of said core;

5 said first coating portion having a first bioabsorbability rate; and

6 a second non-liquid external and exposed coating portion, distinct from said first portion,  
7 covering a second outer surface section of said core; said second coating portion having a second  
8 bioabsorbability rate different from said first bioabsorbability rate.

1 2. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said coating portions are deformed to  
2 intimately contact surface features on said core.

1 3. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises a polymer.

1 4. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 3, wherein said polymer comprises a material  
2 selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone,  
3 polydiox-anone, polycyanoacrylate, polyorthoester, poly(gamma-ethyl glutamate), and pseudo-poly  
4 (amino acid).

1 5. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises a therapeutic agent.

1 6. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 5, wherein said therapeutic agent is selected from  
2 the group consisting of a vascularization agent, and antibiotic agent, an immuno-suppressant, a  
3 wound-healing promoter, a blood-clot dissolving agent, a blood-clotting agent, a cell-adhesion  
4 modulating molecule, and any combination thereof.

1 7. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said first and second coating portions  
2 are bonded to one another along a bond.

1 8. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 7, wherein said bond is selected from the group  
2 consisting of: glued bonds, chemical bonds, molecular bonds, magnetic bonds, electrostatic bonds,  
3 ultrasonic welds, heat welds, press fittings, snap fittings, shrink fittings, friction fittings, and  
4 mechanically fastened bonds.

1 9. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises a first material having a thickness selected to allow melting penetration using a handheld  
3 cautery.

1 10. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, which further comprises an indicia identifying

2 said first portion.

1 11. (Withdrawn). The implant of Claim 10, wherein said indicia comprises lettering.

1 12. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 10, wherein said indicia comprises a color  
2 coding.

1 13. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 has a passageway therethrough.

1 14. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway is positioned on a  
2 posterior location of said implant.

1 15. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway is sized to allow  
2 fluid exchange therethrough.

1 16. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 13, wherein said passageway has an upper rim  
2 at the surface of said coating portion, and a portion of said core extends into said passageway up to  
3 a buffer distance from said upper rim.

1 17. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said first coating portion comprises  
2 two concentrically adjacent layers wherein a first of said layers comprises a material not present in

3 a second of said layers.

1 18. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said coating portions  
2 comprises an immunosuppressant agent.

1 19. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 1, wherein said coating portions have a thickness  
2 of less than one millimeter.

1 20. (Currently Amended). An artificial eye which comprises:

2 an orbital implant having ~~an outer first~~ a first surface;

3 a coating at least partially covering said first surface;

4 said coating having a first non-liquid exposed anchoring portion having a first  
5 bioabsorbability rate and a separate second non-liquid exposed portion, distinct from said first  
6 portion, having a second bioabsorbability rate different from said first bioabsorbability rate.

1 21. (Currently Amended). The artificial eye of Claim 20, wherein said coating has ~~an outer second~~  
2 a second surface which is smoother than said first surface.

1 22. (Currently Amended). An orbital implant comprising:

2 a substantially spheroid body sized and shaped to be placed in the orbit;

3 a coating sized and shaped to intimately contact a section of said body; and

4 wherein said coating has a first non-liquid exposed anchoring portion having a first

5 bioabsorbability rate and a separate second non-liquid exposed portion, distinct from said first  
6 portion, having a second bioabsorbability rate different from said first bioabsorbability rate.

1 23. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises an  
2 immunosuppressant agent.

1 24. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a polymer.

1 25. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 24, wherein said polymer comprises a material  
2 selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone,  
3 polydiox-anone, polycyanoacrylate, polyorthoester, poly(gamma-ethyl glutamate), and pseudo-poly  
4 (amino acid).

1 26. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a therapeutic agent.

1 27. (Previously Presented). The implant of Claim 26, wherein said therapeutic agent is selected  
2 from the group consisting of a vascularization agent, and antibiotic agent, an immuno-suppressant,  
3 a wound-healing promoter, a blood-clot dissolving agent, a blood-clotting agent, a cell-adhesion  
4 modulating molecule, and any combination thereof.

1 28. (Original). The implant of Claim 22, wherein said coating comprises a surface having  
2 microtexturing.

1 29. (Currently Amended). A combination of a body and a coating for implantation into the orbit of  
2 a mammal;

3 said body comprises an arcuate outer surface;

4 said coating comprises:

5 a first external and exposed anchoring portion being made from a first material  
6 comprising a first polymer having a first bioabsorbability property;

7 said first portion being sized and shaped to intimately contact said outer surface;

8 a second external and exposed portion, separate and distinct from said first portion,  
9 being made from a second material comprising a second polymer having a second bioabsorbability  
10 property;

11 said second portion being sized and shaped to intimately contact said outer surface;

12 wherein said first bioabsorbability property is different from second bioabsorbability  
13 property.

1 30. (New) The implant of Claim 1, wherein said first coating portion has substantially the same  
2 thickness as said second coating portion.